

United States Consulate General Marseille, France

Security Message for U.S. Citizens: Taxi Strike

June 9, 2015

Consulate General Marseille informs U.S. citizens that taxi drivers are on strike today, June 9, 2015 in and around Marseille, including the Marseille-Marignane airport. Taxi drivers are demonstrating with the stated purpose of protesting against the arrival of UberPOP, the online cab service that links drivers with passengers through a smartphone app.

Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. You should avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in France to enroll in the [Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) at www.Travel.State.Gov. STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

Regularly monitor the State [Department's website](#), where you can find current Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. Read the [Country Specific Information for France](#). For additional information, refer to our [Travelers Checklist](#).

Contact the U.S. embassy or consulate for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

The U.S. Consulate General in Marseille is located at Place Varian Fry and is open 09:00 am to 5:00 pm. +33-(0)1-43-12-47-54. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, **the emergency number for the U.S. Consulate is +33 (1) 43-12-22-22.**